

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
SAVANNAH DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
 )  
v. ) CASE NO. CR417-51  
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NATHANIEL PUGH, )  
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Defendant. )  
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O R D E R

Before the Court is Defendant Nathaniel Pugh's Motion for Judgment of Acquittal and Motion for New Trial. (Doc. 107.) In this motion, Defendant states that he should be acquitted on all charges because the Government failed to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. (Id.) Defendant, however, has failed to provide any argument to support his contention. As a result, Defendant's motion is **DENIED**.

When considering a motion for acquittal under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 29, the Court views the evidence in the light most favorable to the Government. The issue before the Court is "whether a reasonable jury could have found the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt." United States v. Sellers, 871 F.2d 1019, 1021 (11th Cir. 1989). Essentially, the Court must ensure that the verdict in this case is not based wholly on "speculation and

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conjecture." United States v. Kelly, 888 F.2d 732, 741 (11th Cir. 1989).

In his motion, Defendant has provided conclusory statements that the verdict in this case is "contrary to the evidence" and "strongly against the weight of the evidence." (Doc. 107.) Defendant, however, has not provided a single argument to support his position. After careful review of the record, Defendant's motion is **DENIED**. The Government provided sufficient evidence to support Defendant's conviction in this case.<sup>1</sup>

SO ORDERED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.



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WILLIAM T. MOORE, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, the Court may grant a Defendant's motion for new trial "if the interest of justice so requires." Fed. R. Crim. P. 33(a). Defendant, however, again fails to put forth any argument as to why he should be entitled to a new trial. Accordingly, Defendant's request is **DENIED**.